TO HOLD MATINEES

Driving Association to Arrange Races.

SPEEDWAY MAY BE OILED

Outside Horsemen Are to Be Invited to Contest for a Trophy--L. Zimmerman Is Re-Elected President.

Officers of the Riverside Driving Association.

President—L. Zimmerman.
Vice-President—Judge A. H. Tanner.
Secretary—Henry M. Tillman.
Treasurer—Gus Rosenblatt.
Board of Directors—A. C. Lohmire, Dr. Emmett Drake, Gus Rosenblatt, Judge A. H. Tanner, F. C. Hagelmann, Charles H. Carey and L. Zimmerman.

At the annual meeting of the Riverside Driving Association held last night at the offices of the Rural Spirit, in the Hamilton building, officers were elected for the ensuing year and the Summer campaign was planned. The report of the treasurer showed the association was in a healthy condition, and from the enthusiasm shown by those who attended the meeting the association will be often heard from during 1904.

Last year, on account of the improvements which were going on on the White House road, and because the association did not deem it wise to pay the amount demanded by the Irvington track people for the use of their racetrack, no matinees were held. This year, however, the board of directors, who will have in charge the making of the programmes, will arrange for at least six if not more driving matinees. The most important of these events will be the one in which a handsome and costly silver cup will be hung up as the trophy to be raced for. It is the intention of the association to invite members of the various driving clubs on the Coast, or men who own and drive fast horses, to bring their horses to Portland and contest for the cup. While the rules which will govern this race have not been definitely settled upon, it is the intention of the local reinsmen to have the winner capture the trophy twice before it becomes his property. He must own the horse and drive the animal himself. A feature of this matinee will be that all visiting horsemen will be guests of the local organization. The date for this matinee will not be made public for some time.

When the question of improving the White House road came up, Mr. Lohmire, who was chairman of the board of directors last year, recommended that the new board be empowered to buy a scraper and heavy roller, and also to undertake the work of trying the use of crude oil. The work of completing the improvements on this speedway is hindered somewhat by pending legal proceedings, but the association hopes that this will soon be settled, and when it is out of the way the work of getting the road in condition for driving will commence.

Mr. Rosenblatt, who has just returned from a visit to San Francisco and other Southern California resorts, spoke highly of the use of oil on the California roads. Mr. Rosenblatt believed that if the association took the initiative in this sort of road improvement the City of Portland would follow suit, and that dusty roads would be annoyances of the past. Just as soon as the weather conditions will permit the employes of the association will begin work on the speedway. The board of directors will then take up the question of oiling the road. The soil along this roadway is of a clay substance, and before it is sprinkled with oil it will be necessary to work in considerable sand. A rough estimate of the amount of oil which would be necessary to use on the road is 1000 barrels. As an experiment, one-half of the road will be treated with oil and for a time be closed to travel. If this should prove a success, the other half will be treated likewise.

In dry climates reinsmen have found that speedways treated with oil are hard on the hoofs, but in Portland, where there is so much rain, there is no fear of this. But in case the half of the road which is treated with oil does become too hard, the other half will be reserved for fast driving.

When it came to the election of officers, M. D. Wisdom, who last year was vice-president, was again nominated, but he declined to serve, giving as his reason that he would be much out of the city this coming year and would be unable to give the association the attention that would fall upon the office of vice-president to give. He was voted a resolution of thanks for the services he had performed for the association and for the use of his offices as a meeting-place for the association. President Zimmerman was out of the city and Mr. Wisdom was in charge of the meeting until the election of Judge Tanner, his successor as vice-president.

SEATTLE HAS STRONG TEAM.

Hughes Signed as Pitcher and Infield and Outfield Filled.

Seattle fans have cause for rejoicing. They learned yesterday that Jay Hughes would pitch for the Siwashes again. The big star pitcher has notified Parke Wilson to send along the big paper and fix up the cash question and he will be on hand to do the rest. Russ Hall, who, several years ago, played third base for St. Louis, has been signed to cover station No. 3, and the story goes that, if Wilson can round up a shortstop, it will mean the passing of Heine Jansing. Jansing, however, will not worry much, for Harris would like to sign him.

According to the way the Sound city papers have Wilson's team made up for this season, it will be about as follows: Brashear, first base; Mohler, second base; Hall, third base; and Smith, Van Haltren and Delehanty in the outfield, with Hughes and Barber as pitchers. Seattle has the first claim to Matt Stanley's services, and it is understood that Stanley is anxious to know just what Wilson intends to do in his case.

In speaking of Wilson's attitude toward Stanley the Post-Intelligencer says: Wilson has been asked several times to say whether he wants Stanley or not, but so far has made no reply. Matt has a swell offer from the Western League, but he does not want to go East unless it is necessary. Spokane also wants his terms, but he is stalling everybody off until he learns his status here. It is now up to Wilson. Matt would prove a strong drawing card, for he has a larger personal following than any man who has played in Seattle in years.

Wilson has not abandoned hope of getting Byers to sign, though it has been stated that the big fellow is to play in St. Louis this year. He is also dickering with a catcher named Blackenship, who played with Toledo last year. Nothing is known of this man here. Drill, the young catcher of the Washington team in the American League, is now a resident of Seattle, and if the proper inducements were offered he would play on the Coast this season. He is practicing law in Seattle, and intends making this city his home. Bobby Blewett, the southpaw twirler, is his partner. Both are graduates of the Georgetown University, and Drill set the American League on fire his first season out.

Morley Signs New Men.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 29.—J. F. Morley, manager of the Los Angeles Baseball League, announces that he has signed Timothy Flood, of the Brooklyn National League club, to play second base next season, and Curtis Bernard, of Toledo, to play in the outfield. This completes the team for next season.

BY HALF A LENGTH.

Iridus, Second Choice, Wins Handicap at Oakland.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—A six and a half furlong handicap was the main attraction at Oakland today. A field of five met, with Futurita favorite, and the Jennings colt, Iridius, next in demand. Away to a good start, Iridius took the lead at once and, though hard-pressed by Princess Titania, beat her half a length. Summary:

Six and a half furlongs, selling—Scotsman won, Mimo second, Golden Light third; time, 1:21½.

Futurity course, selling—Bay Wonder won, Bell Reed second, Modder third; time, 1:11.

One mile and a furlong, selling—Chickadee won, Billy Moore second, Mr. Dingle third; time, 1:54¼.

Six and a half furlongs, handicap—Iridius won, Princess Titania second, Futurita third; time, 1:19¼.

Six furlongs—Toledo won, Young Pepper second, Dick Turpin third; time, 1:13.

One mile, selling—Gawaine won, Oro Viva second, Frank Woods third; time, 1:39¾.

BOOKIES MAKE A CLEAN SWEEP

Favorites at Ascot Fall With Unfailing Regularity.

LOS ANGELES, Cal., Jan. 29.—Favorites fell with unfailing regularity at Ascot Park today, and the 13 books made a clean sweep. Not a single favorite finished first, although some well-played second choices were successful. Weather fine; track good. Results:

Seven furlongs, selling—Olivilo won, All About second, Ping third; time, 1:29¾.

One mile, selling—Fox Lake won, Columbia Girl second, Elle third; time, 1:43.

One mile and a sixteenth, selling—Rag Tag won, Montana Peeress second, Cloche d'Or third; time, 1:38½.

Seven furlongs, selling—Milas won, Athelrose second, Phyz third; time, 1:29.

Five furlongs, selling—Marsa won, Taxman second, Cardwellton third; time, 1:01¾.

One mile, selling—Sir Hugh won, Buccleuth second, Martin Brady third; time, 1:43.

At New Orleans.

NEW ORLEANS, Jan. 29.—Crescent City results:

Seven furlongs—Safe Guard won, Thofneycroft second, Russell Garth third; time, 1:32 4-5.

Six furlongs—Mrs. Frank Foster won, Presentation second, Zyra third; time, 1:18 2-5.

Mile and seventy yards—Erbe won, Trocadero second, Mauser third; time, 1:51.

Handicap, six and a half furlongs—Mad Mullah won, Preakness second, Katie Powers third; time, 1:24 2-5.

Selling, mile and seventy yards—Uranium won, Santa Teresa second, Lady Mistake third; time, 1:52 1-5.

Selling, mile and three-sixteenths—Rankin won, Arden second, Lou Woods third; time, 2:06 1-5.

FIELD DAY FOR VANDERBILT.

He Wins Every Auto Race in Which He Enters at Ormond.

ORMOND, Fla., Jan. 29.—All the one-mile events in the automobile tournament were run here this afternoon and two of the five-mile contests. It was a field day for W. K. Vanderbilt, Jr., for he won every race in which he entered. In the one-mile class, he beat Brokaw Breeze and Bowden, winning his final heat in 47 2-5 seconds.

Bowden won the 56-second class one mile, in the final heat in 50 4-5 seconds. The best time in this race was made by Bowden in the first heat in 48 seconds.

A. W. Curtis won the one-mile motor cycle race in 59 1-5 seconds. In the five-mile for gentlemen amateurs, Mr. Vanderbilt won, his best time being 3:34 3-5. He also won in the five-mile free-for-all with a record time of 3-31 3-5.

Louis S. Ross won the five-mile runabout race in 7:53 1-5. The course was in good condition and the attendance large.

Vanderbilt No Longer Champion.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—A dispatch to the Tribune from Hotel Ormond, Fla., says that without wind, on a wavy, surfaced course, and with a deep haze covering everything, Barney Oldfield has won the one mile automobile championship of America, defeating William K. Vanderbilt by three seconds. Oldfield's time was 46 2-5, but in the best heat he did :43, which sets the world's competitive mark three seconds lower than the record of Augiers, made on the Dourdan Road, in Paris.

CROOKHAM GETS DIABLO.

Case Against Him in Which He Is Charged With Stealing Dismissed.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—C. D. Crookham, of San Francisco, was today dismissed in the case in which he was charged with stealing the pacing horse Diablo. He admitted taking the horse but asserted a right to possession.

As soon as the criminal case had been disposed of, Sam Castro, the lessee, brought a replevin suit making C. D. Crookham and Dr. T. E. Strong, of San Francisco, and Mrs. Emma Murray, of Woodland, defendants, and the Sheriff took possession of the horse.

Later a re-delivery bond was given and Crookham secured possession again. The right of possession will be tried in the civil courts.

Academy Wins Basket-Ball.

Maybe the Y. M. C. A. intermediates were not surprised when the Portland Academy basket-ball team came down and beat them last night on their own ground by a score of 19 to 9. They did not wake up to what was happening until the P. A. boys had thrown eight baskets and made three throws against their four baskets and one free throw.

The trouble was that the Y. M. C. A. team did not realize that the P. A. had such a lively team. The fact is that Coach Blanchard has taken five of his football team and drilled them so that they are likely to prove as successful at the indoor as the outdoor game.

The line-up of the teams was:

P. A.	Position.	Y. M. C. A.
Fenton	R. F.	L. Masters
Whittlesey	L. G.	R. Moore
Black	C.	Pugh
McLane	R. G.	L. Davidson
Flavel	L. G.	R. Wilson

Pugilist O'Grady Out of Danger.

DETROIT, Mich., Jan. 29.—Ben O'Grady, the Buffalo pugilist, who was knocked out last night by Noah Brusso, of this city, and then removed for treatment to a hospital, was reported out of danger today. Brusso will no longer be detained by the police.

Monmouth Wins First Game.

MONMOUTH, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The Normal School basket-ball team defeated the team from McMinnville College by a score of 23 to 16, in a good, clean game. This is the first game of the season for the normal season.

Have you friends coming from the East? If so, send their names to the Denver & Rio Grande office, 124 Third street, Portland, Or.

IS STILL CHAMPION

Vignaux Defeats Sutton, of America, at Billiards.

FOUR POINTS DECIDE MATCH

Large and Enthusiastic Paris Audience Witnesses the Contest Which Is for World's Honor --Frenchman's High Score.

PARIS, Jan. 29.—By the narrow margin of four points, Vignaux, the French player, defeated Sutton, the American, in the billiard contest here tonight, and consequently retains the championship of the world. The final score was:

Vignaux	500
Sutton	496

The greatest interest was taken here in this match, not only because it was a championship contest, but because it afforded the first opportunity for the public to see Vignaux's play, as he has heretofore declined to participate in any public competition for the championship trophy.

The match was played in the salon of the Grand Hotel, and was witnessed by a large and enthusiastic crowd. It was for 500 points at 18-inch balk line, two shots allowed in balk, and the play lasted for nearly four hours. Neither player made high runs at first, but Vignaux finally let himself out, and scored 76. This was followed up by a run of 146, which was the highest of the evening.

INDOOR ATHLETIC MEET.

Invitations to Schools From Columbia University.

Columbia University has issued invitations to all the schools to participate in an indoor athletic meet in the big new gymnasium of that institution some time in the near future. Preparations are also being made to hold a collegiate meet in the same place at another time.

During the next two months commonly, athletic sports are confined to basket-ball and indoor baseball, and track athletics are put off till Spring, but this invitation will revive mid-winter meets, which have fallen into abeyance since the Armory games have ceased. For several years up to the time the First Regiment, O. N. G., became the Second Oregon Volunteers, these games attracted a good deal of attention, and all the good track athletes in town competed, but there have been none of these games for several years, and interest has not been reawakened since.

Schools as such have never been in the habit of competing in such games, but the enterprising Catholic school at University Park, which has done its best to promote athletics among its pupils, wishes to make the interest general by giving the use of its model gymnasium for the purpose and offering attractive prizes to the winners of the events. Invitations have only been issued, and the kind of response that will be forthcoming from the schools is as yet uncertain.

No better move could have been made to promote sport. Indoor athletics in general are considered less attractive than if carried on outside, but unlike basket-ball and games of that sort, which are essentially indoor competitions, indoor track events are merely held under a roof on account of the weather and are only in preparation for outside field events.

The Columbia University has one of the few gymnasiums west of the Alleghanies that are fit for an indoor meet. There is a famous one at Milwaukee, where schools are in the habit of holding games that attract considerable attention and have a large attendance, but there has been no such institution heretofore in Portland. The Columbia University gymnasium has a 12-lap track, 15 feet wide, and ample room for field events.

The track athletes of Columbia, who have been training under Walter Gearin, the quarter-miler, hold their first games today. There will be all the sprints, the high and low hurdles, half and mile runs, high and broad jumps, pole-vaulting and shot-putting.

Visitors' Day at the Y. M. C. A.

The last of the three free classes for boys will be given at the Y. M. C. A. this afternoon from 2:30 to 5 o'clock. A new membership is being offered the boys of Portland, and to advertise it among the school boys free tickets, good for one swim, one-half hour in gymnasium and one lesson in carpentry were issued, good for any one of three Saturday afternoons in January and distributed among the school boys. The new membership ticket costs but 25 cents per month, and gives the boys full privileges on their holiday afternoon. There will be but 100 members admitted on the new proposition and the first to come will be accommodated. There will in all probability be a waiting list, from which vacancies will be filled.

Any boy in Portland over 10 years of age can get a free ticket for this afternoon by applying to the boys' secretary before 12 o'clock. The first class of the special membership will be held Saturday, February 6.

Sieloff Defeats McCarthy.

SALT LAKE, Jan. 29.—Otto Sieloff, of Chicago, was given the decision over Jerry McCarthy, of Salt Lake, tonight at the end of 20 slow rounds. McCarthy was unable to land effectively on the Eastern welter-weight at any stage of the fight. Sieloff, on the contrary, used a left uppercut up to the tenth round, when he dislocated both thumbs. Thereafter the fight was very slow. Neither man was particularly distressed at the end of the contest, McCarthy, if anything, being the fresher of the two.

NO FEAR OF SHELLS IN FIRE.

Minister Says Cartridges in Boxes Can Do No Harm.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—"To prove that large numbers of cartridges are not dangerous in case of fire, I am willing to station myself in a room where one million cartridges are stored in wooden boxes and let a fire be started and rage there."

Rev. William K. McKibben, who was superintendent of a cartridge company before he entered the ministry, has made this offer to a committee appointed by the Fire Department to determine whether magazines of ammunition in stores will endanger firemen while the structures are burning.

"It will be nothing new," resumed Rev. Mr. McKibben, when the committee had recovered from its astonishment.

"Several years ago when the cartridge company's storehouse burned and 1,000,000 rounds of loaded shotgun shells were destroyed by fire, I was in the thick of it, and did not get a scratch."

The experiments probably will be made next week at the foot of Randolph street. If the cartridges are found to be dangerous, the merchants say they are willing to keep them in fireproof vaults in the suburbs.

Lawyer Violated His Trust.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Albert M. Fragner, a well-known Brooklyn lawyer, pleaded guilty today to an indictment charging grand larceny in the first degree, in having taken bonds, valued at $20,000, which were held in trust for Emila and Edith Kalner, minor children of the late Otto Kalner, an importer.

After complaint had been entered, Fragner married an elder sister of the Kalner children, and a settlement out of court was sought, but prevented by the District Attorney and Judge Aspinwall, who refused to permit the compromise of any claim affecting the rights of the children.

HALL FIRES BOMB.

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clearly impeached, so that Thomson's attorneys were compelled to recall several witnesses to swear to Parkes' reputation for truth and veracity in this community.

Evidence Against Sheep King.

Against Cunningham is the strongest evidence. His own hired men, O'Hara, Rayburn and Sailing, swore on the witness-stand in Portland that he gave them the number of the section, township and range, and, in fact, gave them the description of the land on which they were to file. He also promised to pay all the cost of filing and take a mortage on the land when they should have secured a deed to it from the Government for security.

In addition to these witnesses, Shelly Jones, Mark Shackelford, Kate James and others are complained of as being parties to this method of securing land for Cunningham by locating on homesteads with purpose of selling out to the sheep king when they had secured title.

Hartman Refuses to Come Into Court.

Judge Hartman, when arrested today, refused to go in court and Marshal Proebstel said he would force the Judge to come if the District Attorney so ordered. After a consultation in Commissioner John Hailey's office it was decided to let the Judge remain at large until he made up his mind as to what action he preferred to take in the matter.

Hartman immediately telegraphed for his attorney, T. G. Hailey, who was then in Sumpter, and was advised in reply to give the necessary bonds. However, he asked to be allowed to make a statement before United States Land Commissioner Hailey at once without giving bonds, and Mr. Hall set February 1 as the date on which it would be convenient for him to hear the Judge's statement. Until that time he instructed that Hartman be placed under the required $3000 bonds.

All the other defendants, with the exception of Joe Parkes, who is out of the city, and Glen H. Sailing, who lives at Athena, were arrested and after giving bonds were released. Cunningham furnished the bonds for a number of the defendants. The witnesses cited in the complaint are:

A. R. Greene, John T. Lambirth, assistant cashier in Savings Bank; James W. Maloney, cashier Savings Bank; Lee Wheid, Judge Hartman's private secretary, and J. W. Kimbrell, County Surveyor.

THEY CONFESSED PERJURY.

Testimony in Asa Thomson Case Is Basis for New Prosecutions.

The arrest of Judge Hartman, Joe Parkes, Charles Cunningham and others, by the Federal authorities, was the direct outgrowth of the recent trial in the Federal Court of Asa B. Thomson on a charge of soliciting bribes to influence his decision on land papers in the United States Land Office. During the progress of the case some of the witnesses admitted that they had perjured themselves and testified that the testimony of other witnesses given before the court was false. Hence the charge of perjury against the prisoners.

The same case served to disclose the fact that there was a gigantic scheme existing by which the Government had been defrauded of land. The witnesses testified that Charles Cunningham, known as the Sheep King of Eastern Oregon, was at the head of the scheme, furnished the money to defray expenses, then received the land that was secured by tools used for the purpose.

It will be remembered that in the Thomson case, he was accused of soliciting from Cunningham $50 each for his approval on several imperfect final proof papers that were then in the Land Office. Cunningham testified that Thomson requested this money, but the jury, in finding the defendant not guilty, held that he did not.

During the examination of the witnesses some startling methods of doing business and making final proofs on homestead claims were disclosed. This evidence was secured from three or four of the seven parties arrested. These young men went on the witness stand and swore that, while working for Charles Cunningham, they filed claims on homestead lands, that Cunningham furnished the money with which to pay the costs, and that he did so with the understanding that when the final proofs were made he was to get the property. Further than this the witnesses testified that Cunningham selected the claims, and they admitted having sworn to affidavits and final proof papers without ever having been on the property, or knowing exactly where it lay. Some of the witnesses admitted never having seen the claims upon which they swore they had lived and made improvements.

Evidence was brought out showing that there was an understanding between Cunningham, the boys and his bankers that all costs on these homesteads were to be paid with his checks.

These alleged employes of Cunningham swore also that, when they swore to the affidavits and final proof papers, the papers were not read to them and they had no idea whatever what they were making oath to. They swore that they signed these papers in the presence of Joe Parkes, but that he never offered to explain to them the nature of the papers or what they were swearing to.

It was then testified that they made oath to the papers before Judge Hartman, but that he did not inquire whether they had read the contents of the papers or understood to what they were making oath.

On cross-examination several of these witnesses admitted that they had committed perjury. Cunningham, in the face of all the testimony, went on the stand and denied positively every statement made against him.

The evidence showing perjury and a connivance of some sort was so strong that Judge Bellinger took occasion to comment upon it in open court. The Government officers stated then that the case would be investigated further, and this is the result of the investigation.

Inspector Greene Has the Papers.

LA GRANDE, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—United States Attorney John H. Hall was in La Grande today, his mission being to secure from the Land Office the documentary evidence against Charles Cunningham and five others, who were witnesses against Asa B. Thomson in his recent trial at Portland. Cunningham and others are charged with conspiracy to defraud the Government out of claims which were said to have been held up in the Land Office here because Thomson wanted $50 each for passing favorably on the entries.

They are to have a hearing Saturday before United States Commissioner Hailey in Pendleton. Mr. Hall did not secure the evidence desired, as the papers are in the hands of Inspector Greene, and he was disappointed. This is the second chapter in the Thomson case.

Criminals Can Now Be Extradited.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—A treaty providing for the extradition of criminals has been signed by the Minister of Foreign Affairs and the Minister of Great Britain, according to a Herald dispatch from Lima, Peru.

GIVES UP TO HANLON

"Kid" Broad Abandons Fight in Fourteenth Round.

OUTCLASSED AT ALL TIMES

He Is Only Able to Land One Blow That Hurts the Californian, but Shows Great Capacity for Taking Punishment.

SAN FRANCISCO, Jan. 29.—Exhausted at the end of the 14th round tonight, "Kid" Broad, of Cleveland, O., abandoned his contest with Eddie Hanlon, of San Francisco, and the referee awarded the fight to the plucky Californian.

Broad had but a few days' preparation for the fight, and was, according to his own assertion, not in condition to continue. Hanlon gave him a terrible punching about the body.

The winner fought a fast and aggressive battle, and directed most of his blows against the body of his opponent, missing few of his shots.

Broad proved his capacity for absorbing punishment to be great, but his showing against Hanlon was of an inferior order, and all through the 14 rounds Hanlon was in fine condition, and rarely received a blow that either jarred or hurt him, with the exception of one blow on the eye, which slit the lid open, and for a few moments caused him confusion. Broad was apparently outclassed, and was at no time able to penetrate the peculiar defense put up by Hanlon.

COULD STEER WITH CHAINS.

Captain Whitney's Strong Assertion in Clallam Investigation.

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—"I am perfectly willing to go on record as asserting that if those chains were there and properly attached, as witnesses have sworn, and say that the ship could be steered just as effectively, though not quite as conveniently, as if the stock had been chopped right close down to the rudder. I say this knowing that this testimony may be reviewed by competent men, by the newspapers and probably will be read by many seafaring men."

Such were the observations of Captain Whitney, of the Marine Inspection Board, today at the conclusion of the testimony of Captain Henry Carter, one of the principal witnesses in the Clallam disaster investigation. Chief Engineer De Launay had undertaken to prove by Captain Carter that the Clallam had a defective rudder and that the relieving chains being on the rudder were a silent admission of the weakness of the vessel's steering gear.

Witness flatly declined to make any such admission, giving it as his opinion that he could by resorting to the use of these chains steer the vessel from Seattle to Victoria. Hardly had the concluding words of Captain Whitney's assertions fallen from his lips when Inspector Turner spoke up, saying:

"And I am willing to go on record and say I have seen 5000-ton ships steered in the same way right out in the middle of the ocean."

For the past several days De Launay, by his questions, has sought to show that it was notorious among the crew that the Clallam had a faulty rudder. During his cross-questioning of Captain Carter, he submitted a drawing purporting to represent the rudder of the Clallam, but the correctness of which the witness flatly disputed.

Captain Carter testified that he had until recently been master of the Clallam. He said it had been reported to him that there was a defective headlight forward of the vessel and also one abreast of the engine-room and that he had ordered canvas placed over these ports.

Lester W. David, a surviving passenger, testified that no force was used in placing the passengers in the three lifeboats; that all were willing to take the chance. The witness would have gone on the boats himself had he been allowed to do so.

Captain Robert Hall, of the Holyoke, which towed the Clallam until she went down, testified that he undertook to tow the vessel to Port Townsend in compliance with Captain Robert's wishes. Had he known that she was so full of water he would have been disposed to tow her under the lee of Lopez Island, but, he added, that a master of a tug was always supposed to follow the instructions of the master of the vessel being towed.

Captain Hall thought it would have been disastrous to have attempted to transfer the Clallam's passengers to the tug.

Elks Ask for More Rigid Inquiry.

SEATTLE, Jan. 29.—The local Lodge of Elks today took steps to secure a more rigid inquiry into the cause of the wreck of the steamer Clallam by appealing to the Department of Labor and Commerce to instruct United States Attorney Frye to examine witnesses.

It represented to the department that the inspectors conducting the inquiry are not sufficiently skilled in cross-examination to elicit all the material facts from witnesses.

PASTOR STOPPED A PANIC.

Lied a Little About the Fire, but It Turned Out All Right.

SPOKANE, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The presence of mind of Rev. J. W. Hindley averted a panic during a fire at the Second United Presbyterian Church in Spokane tonight. The services in the little church had just commenced and a layman was leading in prayer. Rev. Mr. Hindley and Rev. Mr. Berry were on the platform.

As the prayer was being uttered a tiny jet of flame shot up at the bottom of the platform directly in front of where the ministers knelt. The fire came from an electric light wire. Instantly an alarm was given, some one yelling "fire." As one man the audience rose and the rush to the doors at the rear commenced. Rev. Mr. Hindley, grasping the situation, stepped quickly to the front of the platform and cried:

"Don't rush out. The fire is already under control. You are in no danger. Keep your seats."

The partly panic-stricken people stopped and, reassured by the calm attitude of the minister, around whom the smoke was curling from the increasing blaze, finally quieted down.

Two men went into the basement and extinguished the blaze with a pail of water. The fire was not under control when Mr. Hindley said it was, but his audience is inclined to forgive his slight departure from the truth.

Need Officers With Their Regiments

VANCOUVER BARRACKS, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—Captain Evans M. Johnson's, Nineteenth Infantry, acceptance of the position of military instructor to the College of St. Xavier, New York, was not approved of by the President and Secretary of War, as, owing to the possibility of trouble at Panama, all officers in active service are needed with their regiments. There are at present four captains and five lieutenants of the eight companies of the Nineteenth Infantry stationed at Vancouver Barracks, detailed on detached service in the East. The position of instructor of military science and tactics at St. Francis Xavier's College has since been given to Major Frank K. Ebstein at his own request.

First Lieutenant Richard O. Rickard and First Lieutenant Alfred T. Clifton, Signal Corps, now stationed at Fort Gibbon and Fort St. Michael, Alaska, have been ordered to leave by the first available boat after the opening of navigation and report to the commanding general at Vancouver Barracks, to be examined for promotion to the next higher grade.

Steam Put Burglars to Flight.

BELLINGHAM, Wash., Jan. 29.—In blowing the safe of T. Morrison Mill Company last night, the crackamen used too heavy a charge of nitroglycerine, which tore it into small pieces. One of these pieces struck the steam pipe by which the office was heated, bursting it, and permitting the steam to escape into the room. The scalding steam forced the men to flee for their lives, without being able to touch the contents of the safe, which lay open to them. Mike Burgell and John George are under arrest in connection with the affair.

Strike on Aberdeen Building.

ABERDEEN, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The first strike on the new buildings being erected in Aberdeen occurred today, when the ten or a dozen men employed in clearing the site for the Rowland-Anderson block struck for a day of 8 hours with ten hours' pay. The trouble occurred at noon today.

The men had been receiving 25 cents an hour, which would give them $2.50 for ten hours' work. They refused to accept this, and on their making a demand for the $2.50 for eight hours and not getting it, they quit.

Incendiary Fires a Moving Building.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—A fire of incendiary origin destroyed a two-story building in Gate City early this morning, belonging to Bruce Dodge. The building was empty at the time. It was being moved to another locality in the town, and was to be occupied as a saloon by John Berkshire, of this city. The loss, including the movers' appliances, is $1500, with no insurance.

Artesian Water at Olympia Capitol.

OLYMPIA, Wash., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The state officials will today start drinking artesian water. The new water system will be connected up and water from the state's new artesian wells will be used exclusively in the capitol. The pumpmen tried yesterday and worked all night so the big cistern was emptied and will be refilled with the artesian.

State General Fund Exhausted.

SALEM, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The general fund in the state treasury is exhausted and the State Treasurer today began indorsing warrants. As there will be few warrants presented between now and the end of the present quarter, March 31, the amount of indorsed warrants will be small. Taxes for 1904 will begin to come in in April.

Mayor of Victoria Is Ousted.

VICTORIA, B. C., Jan. 29.—As a result of a contract having been made by his legal firm with the city, the election of Mayor G. H. Barnard has been nullified under the municipal clauses act, and an enabling bill will have to be passed by the British Columbia Legislature to reinstate him.

Astoria Petition on Direct Primary.

ASTORIA, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—A petition signed by 80 voters of Astoria and asking that a bill providing for a direct primary nomination law be submitted to the vote of the people was filed with County Clerk Clinton this afternoon. It will be forwarded to the Secretary of State.

Enterprise Emerges From Darkness.

ENTERPRISE, Or., Jan. 29.—(Special.)—The Enterprise Electric Company has its plant again in running order after an enforced stop of two weeks on account of one of the armatures being burned out.

MAKES WOMEN HYSTERICAL.

Several Are Tempted to Leap From Window at Chicago Fire.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Notwithstanding recent experiences with smoke and flames, tenants of the Masonic Temple, a 20-story structure, failed to scare today when a fire broke out in the Cosmopolitan building, adjoining. The occupants of the Cosmopolitan made a hasty exit.

On the upper stories of the Cosmopolitan a number of women became hysterical and, blinded by the smoke, made efforts to spring from the windows. Cooler heads prevented this and the women were carried down the fire escapes. One girl was perhaps fatally burned. Chemicals she was mixing on the sixth floor exploded and caused the fire.

The woman, in a dying condition, was carried down a fire escape by C. W. Randolph, secretary and treasurer of the Cosmopolitan Light Company. Several other persons were burned, but not seriously.

Edward Stokes, who assisted in the rescue of Miss Verba, was probably fatally burned. Of the 45 people on the floor where the fire started, 25 were girls and women.

The panic started with the explosion of the chemicals and the excitement was increased when Miss Verba ran from the room screaming. The girls made a rush for the door. As they neared the center of the room the foremost of them fell and the next moment nearly all of them lay in a heap on the floor screaming.

Meanwhile Mr. Randolph, with Miss Verba in his arms, had begun to descend the fire escape, amidst the cheers of the thousands of people who stood in the street. At the fifth floor, almost overcome by smoke, Randolph gave his unconscious burden to Stokes, who carried the girl to the street. This duty done, Stokes succumbed to his own injuries and was taken to the hospital. While this rescue was being performed the safety of the other girls was attended to. The estimated loss is $75,000.

Snow Used to Extinguish Fire.

SALT LAKE CITY, Jan. 29.—The store and stock of the Leader Dry Goods Company, at the town of Murray, were completely destroyed by fire this morning, which for a time threatened to destroy a whole block of closely packed dwellings. The town has no fire apparatus, and citizens organized themselves into snow brigades, pelting the flames with huge snowballs and covering the roofs and walls of other threatened buildings with snow. The fire is supposed to have started from a cigarette. Loss about $20,000.

Abandons Theater-Fire Case.

CHICAGO, Jan. 29.—Satisfied with the findings of the Coroner's jury that investigated the Iroquois Theater fire, the independent prosecution started by Arthur Hull, whose whole family perished in the disaster, was today formally abandoned in court. There will be an investigation of the disaster by a special grand jury. This was determined today by the State's Attorney. The special grand jury will devote itself exclusively to the Iroquois fire.

War Scare Will Hold Up Cuban Loan.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29.—Negotiations for the flotation of the proposed $35,000,000 Cuban loan have come to a temporary halt. The banking interests declare that the Russo-Japanese situation makes such a transaction inadvisable at this time, because it would tie up a large sum of money which might be used elsewhere with better advantage.

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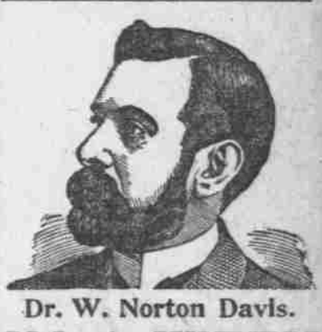

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